

Rhian Evans Allvin

Rhian Evans Allvin has served in a variety of roles at state and national nonprofit organizations, learning the ins and outs of public policy, philanthropy and advocacy along the way. She launched the Brecon Group in 2005, a consulting firm specializing in public and fiscal policy, advocacy and philanthropic advisory services.

Prior to forming the Brecon Group, she was a Senior Advancement Officer at the Arizona Community Foundation (ACF), responsible for helping donors connect their philanthropic interests with community needs. At ACF, she guided donors in establishing planned gifts and worked on special projects to advance community philanthropy. She brings a working knowledge of community organizing, communications, media relations, fundraising, public policy, advocacy and nonprofit management.



Rhian also served as State and Regional Director for Libraries for the Future (LFF), a national nonprofit championing the role of public libraries in American life, where she was responsible for generating more than \$1 million in grant revenue annually and had fiscal responsibility and program oversight for the southwest region. Prior to joining the staff of LFF, Rhian spent four years at Children's Action Alliance (CAA), a statewide child advocacy organization where she spearheaded a number of projects including revamping CAA's telecommunications to enhance grassroots and web-based advocacy.

Throughout her career, Rhian has advocated for high quality early childhood education, leading the implementation of the Arizona Early Education Funds at ACF and partnering in a four-year effort to place an early childhood health and development initiative on the November 2006 ballot in Arizona. That initiative passed, and Rhian subsequently was appointed by Governor Napolitano to the nine-member implementation board.

Early in her career, Rhian staffed several political campaigns including Southern Arizona Field Coordinator for the Basha for Governor Campaign and Campaign Manager for Richard Thomas for Scottsdale City Council.

Rhian has traveled the state and has an intimate knowledge of most Arizona communities, both urban and rural. She has developed strong personal relationships at very community level and is comfortable interacting with and bringing together different constituencies for collaborative success.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Northern Arizona University and a Master in Business administration from Arizona State University. She is married to Paul Allvin, and they live in Vail, Arizona with their two children.